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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BOMB DISCOVERED UNDER US EMBASSY CAR - ATHENS

1. ON JANUARY 9, 1974, A HOMEMADE BOMB WAS DISCOVERED UNDER U.S. GOVERNMENT CAR PARKED OUTSIDE AMERICAN RESIDENCE IN KIFFISIA, SUBURB OF ATHENS. GREEK ARMY ORDINANCE ASSISTED BY POLICE REMOVED THE BOMB AND SAFELY DEACTIVATED IT. THE BOMB WAS FOUND BETWEEN LEFT REAR WHEEL AND STREET CURB. THE CAR CONCERNED IS ASSIGNED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT ATO UNIT ATTACHED TO U.S. EMBASSY.

2. DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS: THIS WAS A CLOCK-ACTIVATED TYPE BOMB. THE PARTS WERE CONTAINED IN A PLASTIC TUPPERWARE BOX RECTANGULAR SHAPE WITH PLASTIC LID. IT IS FIVE AND HALF INCHES LONG, FIVE INCHES WIDE AND THREE AND A HALF INCHES DEEP. THE CONTENTS INCLUDED A SMALL, CHEAP ALARM CLOCK, TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER, SET TO RING AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, A DETONATOR, ONE FLASHLIGHT BATTERY, AND ONE STICK OF COMMERCIAL TYPE DYNAMITE FIVE INCHES LONG.

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ALL ITEMS COULD BE LOCALLY PROCURED. REASON BOMB DID NOT

EXPLODE WAS NOT DETERMINED.

3. U.S. ARMY EOD UNIT COORDINATING FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITH GREEK COUNTERPARTS AND POLICE. TO DATE NO EXACT MOTIVE OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE DETERMINED. ABOVE DESCRIBED BOMB IS THE FIRST DISCOVERED IN RECENT PAST. IN PREVIOUS BOMB EXPLOSIONS AGAINST U.S. OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL CARS, CLOCK-TYPE BOMBS, AS IN CURRENT INSTANCE, WERE USED. LOW PROFILE PRECAUTIONS AND APPROPRIATE WARNINGS HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.
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